



Hart Children and Young People's Plan

2008 - 2011



Walking Bus
By kind permission of Newlands Primary School

Contents

Foreword	2
Introduction	3
The Hart District	4
How the Plan has been developed	4
Improving outcomes for children and young people in Hart	5
Structure and Membership	6
Performance Management	6
Appendix 1 - Terms of Reference	7
Appendix 2 – Membership	10
Further Information	13

Foreword

Welcome to the Hart Children and Young People's Plan.

Hart District Council and Hart Local Strategic Partnership have identified working with and on behalf of children and young people in the district as a priority.

This plan is the result of consultation with stakeholders, partners and practitioners, voluntary and statutory agencies, all of whom work with or provide support for children, young people and their families in the Hart district. All of the organisations are working together to improve services through our Children and Young People's Partnership. This plan focuses on ways in which we can improve services in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children and young people.

Work has commenced on "joining up" as many services and organisations as possible so that children, young people and their families can access the services that they require in the most efficient and effective way for their needs.

The Partnership looks forward to engaging with the children and young people of Hart and working with them to make real differences in their lives.

Councillor Stephen Gorys
Portfolio Holder for People & Partnerships
Deputy Leader of Hart District Council
November 2008

Hart Children and Young People's Plan

1. Introduction

A vision for children and young people in Hart

Hart District Council and Hart Local Strategic Partnership believe that all children and young people should have access to the services that they require in order to achieve their life goals.

We know that most children and young people in Hart are doing well, and that there are many agencies and community groups providing excellent services to them and their families and carers. There are, however, some children and young people who need additional support or services, and a joined-up approach in the provision of their care is vital.

The Children and Young People's Partnership is a formal partnership involving all the major statutory and voluntary agencies in the district that provide services to children, young people and their families or carers.

Appendix 1 details the Terms of Reference for the partnership.

The Children and Young People's Partnership aims to promote joint working with all key partners and strategies to create an integrated approach towards providing services for children and young people.

This Plan is the result of initial work carried out early in 2008. The partnership itself is young and it recognises that there is still much to accomplish in terms of identifying available services, partners and resources, so that even better service provision can be achieved.

The Children Act 2004

In 2003, the Government published a green paper called Every Child Matters. This paper was followed by the Children Act 2004. The Act introduced, amongst other things, a *duty to co-operate* between children's services authorities and all relevant partners; a requirement for children's services authorities to establish a *Local Safeguarding Children Board*; and a requirement for children's services authorities to prepare and publish a plan setting out the authority's strategy for discharging their functions in relation to children and relevant young persons.

The children's services authority for Hart district is Hampshire County Council. The work of the Hart Children and Young People's Partnership will endeavour to support and complement the Hampshire Children and Young People's Partnership and Plan.

The Government's aim is for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, to have the support they need to:

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well-being**

The work of the Hart partnership will seek to achieve these aims on behalf of all children and young people in Hart.

2. The Hart district

The district of Hart is set in the north-east tip of Hampshire. The population of Hart district is 88, 037 spread across some 35,876 dwellings¹.

There are 541 state schools in Hampshire serving 171,000 pupils. Of these, 35 schools are located in Hart, educating 12,660² children and young people, and 28 of the Hart schools have a "Good" or "Outstanding" Ofsted rating, as at 2008. The remaining 7 schools are rated as "Satisfactory".

There are also children who have not yet entered education, a high number of young people who are educated at colleges outside of the district and some young people who are not in education, employment or training. There were 19 "looked after children" under the age of 18 during the year 2007/08.

3. How the Plan has been developed

In May 2008, Hart Local Strategic Partnership brought together many partners and stakeholders, all of whom are involved in supporting the children and young people in Hart. The event was designed to enable the identification of the top issues affecting the well-being of children and young people and what,

¹ Hart District Council Annual Monitoring Report 2007

² Hampshire County Council Children's Services – September 2008

for the partners and stakeholders, were the key success characteristics in a well-adjusted young person.

Attendees were also invited to participate further in the work by either sitting on the partnership Steering Group or being involved in one of the four working groups that would progress the issues identified on the day.

There were four main issues identified out of the event, together with three cross-cutting themes. See Section 4 for the main issues and themes.

It is recognised that, as yet, there has been no engagement with the children and young people themselves. The partnership “Voice” group will provide such engagement as part of its ongoing work programme.

4. Improving outcomes for children and young people in Hart

The following themes/priorities were identified as the 4 areas that the Children and Young People’s Partnership should concentrate its’ efforts on over the initial 2 – 3 years.

There were several other areas that were identified potentially for action or work programming, but the partnership agreed that focus should be on these top 4 areas, at least in the early stages of the partnership and plan.

1. Parenting and Family Support – “NURTURE”

- Parenting skills & support
- Family support and engagement
- Parental responsibilities

2. Engaging Children, Young People and Their Families – “VOICE”

- Positive activities
- Peer support
- Mentoring and coaching
- Leisure and sport
- Positive media messages

3. Education Improvement Partnership – “LEARNING”

- More/better collaboration between schools
- High quality education
- Support for “Extended Services” across the Hart district

4. Team Around Vulnerable Children and Young People – “SUPPORT”

- Children and young people in care
- Homeless children and young people
- Young carers
- Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET)
- Children and young people in poverty
- Other vulnerable children and young people

In addition, there are 3 themes that run through/across all of the above areas and they should be delivered as positive outcomes for children and young people wherever or however they “enter” the CYPP – the 3 themes are –

- (i) Enable positive opportunities**
- (ii) Create positive environments**
- (iii) Encourage an holistic approach to health and well-being**

5. Structure and Membership

Following the stakeholder event a Children and Young People’s Partnership structure was suggested and agreed, together with Terms of Reference for the partnership. It was agreed that the Chair of the partnership should be the Children’s Services District Services Manager (Children & Families). Other members were drawn from partner and stakeholder groups in the district.

Core Members of the CYPP Steering Group:

- 1.1 District Services Manager (Children & Families), Hart
- 1.2 District Manager (Education & Inclusion), Hart
- 1.3 Portfolio Holder for People & Partnerships – Hart District Council
- 1.4 Hart District Commander – Hampshire Constabulary
- 1.5 Head-teacher(s) of Local Schools x 3
- 1.6 Extended Services Co-ordinator for Hart
- 1.7 Locality Team Manager for Hart
- 1.8 Early Education and Childcare Unit Representative
- 1.9 Parenting Co-ordinator for Hart
- 1.10 Sentinel Housing Representative
- 1.11 Housing Needs Manager – Hart District Council
- 1.12 Community and Partnerships Manager – Hart District Council
- 1.13 Chief Executive of Hart Voluntary Action
- 1.14 Primary Care Trust Representative
- 1.15 Youth Team Manager for Hart

The four working groups were also constituted and a Lead agreed.

See Appendix 2 for a full list of the working group members.

6. Performance Management

Each of the working groups has compiled an Action Plan based upon the respective issues identified as requiring attention in their area. Progress reporting will be the responsibility of the lead for each group and via the Children and Young People’s Partnership Steering Group. The Steering

Group will report progress to the Hart Local Strategic Partnership and an annual report will be made to the Cabinet of Hart District Council.

Appendix 1

Hart Children and Young People's Partnership

Terms of Reference

Aim

Hart Local Strategic Partnership (HLSP) and Hart District Council have identified working with and on behalf of children and young people in the district as a priority. An initial event was held in May 2008, bringing together stakeholders, partners and practitioners who work with or provide support for children, young people and their families. The event identified 4 areas for the partnership to focus on for the coming 2 – 3 years:

- **Parenting and Family Support – “NURTURE”**
- **Engaging Children, Young People and Their Families – “VOICE”**
- **Education Improvement Partnership – “LEARNING”**
- **Team Around Vulnerable Children and Young People – “SUPPORT”**

Additionally, there were 3 themes identified that run through/across all of the above areas and they will also be delivered as positive outcomes for the children and young people of Hart:

- **Enable positive opportunities**
- **Create positive environments**
- **Encourage an holistic approach to health and well-being.**

Purpose

1. The Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) is a formal Partnership that sits below the HLSP and is dedicated to improving the life chances of the children and young people who live in the Hart district.
2. The CYPP will adopt a structure that enables working arrangements for delivery of targeted actions across the 4 themes.
3. The CYPP will provide the forum for developing action plans that support the 4 themes and for reporting progress against each action plan.

4. The CYPP will engage with children, young people and their families in order to deliver the targets set within action plans.
5. The CYPP will work together to identify gaps in provision, eliminate duplication of effort and encourage pooling of resources to achieve the joint aims of the partnership.

Structure

1. The CYPP will comprise a Steering Group and 4 Working Groups. The Steering Group will provide strategic direction for the partnership. The Working Groups will take responsibility for the action plan, and delivery of objectives arising out of the action plan.
2. The Chairman of the Steering Group will be the District Services Manager (Children & Families) Hart. The 4 Working Groups will designate a Chairman who will be responsible for the co-ordination of activity and report progress at regular meetings. The Chairman of the Steering Group will represent the Hart CYPP at Hampshire CYPP meetings and the Standing Conference.
3. The Chairman of the Steering Group will attend meetings of the HLSP to report progress. The Chairman of each Working Group will attend Steering Group meetings to report progress. In the absence of either a nominated representative will attend to report progress.
4. The Steering Group will meet quarterly. The Chairman of each Working Group will direct the frequency of meetings as required to meet the delivery of action plans.

Membership

1. Core Members of the CYPP Steering Group comprise:
 - 1.1 District Services Manager (Children & Families), Hart
 - 1.2 District Manager (Education & Inclusion), Hart
 - 1.3 Portfolio Holder for People & Partnerships – Hart District Council
 - 1.4 Hart District Commander – Hampshire Constabulary
 - 1.5 Headteacher(s) of Local Schools
 - 1.6 Extended Services Co-ordinator for Hart
 - 1.7 Locality Team Manager for Hart
 - 1.8 Early Education and Childcare Unit Representative
 - 1.9 Parenting Co-ordinator for Hart
 - 1.10 Sentinel Housing Representative
 - 1.11 Housing Needs Manager – Hart District Council
 - 1.12 Community and Partnerships Manager – Hart District Council
 - 1.13 Chief Executive of Hart Voluntary Action

- 1.14 Primary Care Trust Representative
- 1.15 Youth Team Manager for Hart

2. Membership of Working Groups will be appointed by the Chairman of each group.
3. The work of the CYPP will be supported by the Senior Community and Partnerships Officer and the Community and Partnerships Officer as appropriate.

Voting

1. The CYPP intends to seek consensus on all issues, however voting, when required, at meetings of the partnership will be on the basis of one core member: one vote.
2. The Chairman of the Steering Group will have one normal vote and a casting vote if necessary.

Performance Management

1. The CYPP will adopt the standard performance report (as used by the HLSP) to report progress against action plans.
2. Reports will be held centrally by the Community and Partnerships team at Hart District Council.

Appendix 2

Hart Children and Young People's Partnership - Members

Steering Group

Organisation	Position
District Services Manager (Children & Families)	Chairman – Steering Group Lead Officer of “Learning”
District Manager (Education & Inclusion)	Support
HDC	Portfolio Holder for People & Partnerships
HDC	Community & Partnerships Manager
District Parenting Support Officer	Lead Officer of “Nurture”
C/I Hampshire Constabulary	Lead Officer of “Voice”
Locality Manager	Lead Officer of “Support”
Extended Services Coordinator	Nurture
Sentinel Housing	Support
Hart Voluntary Action	CEO
PCT	GP District Lead
HCC	Youth Team Manager for Hart
HCC	Early Education and Child Care Rep
Hook Junior School	Head Teacher
Frogmore Infants	Head Teacher
Robert Mays	Head Teacher
Yateley Senior School	Assistant Head Teacher
HDC	Housing Needs Manager

Parenting and Family Support “NURTURE”

Organisation	Position
HCC	District Parenting Support Officer
Courtmoor School	Extended Services Coordinator
HDC	Senior Community & Partnerships Officer
Court Moor School	Head Teacher
Frogmore Infants	Head Teacher
St Barnabas Church	Vicar
Locality Team	
NE Hants Domestic Violence	Chair
Health Visitors & School Nurses	Locality Manager
HVA	CEO

Engaging Children, Young People and Their Families

“VOICE”

Organisation	Position
Hampshire Constabulary	Chief Inspector
Yateley School	Extended Services Coordinator
HDC	Community & Partnerships Officer
HCC	Youth Team Manager for Hart
Sentinel	Neighbourhood Coordinator
HDC	Electoral and Registration Services Officer
HDC	Community Safety Manager
HDC	Business Development Manager, Leisure
Yateley School	Assistant Head Teacher

Team Around Vulnerable Children and Young People

“SUPPORT”

Organisation	Position
HCC	Locality Manager
Frogmore School	Extended Services Coordinator
HDC	Community Safety Officer
HDC	Housing Needs Manager
Sentinel Housing Association	Neighbourhood Manager
Step By Step	Manager
CAB	Manager
HVA	Gypsy and Travellers Liaison Officer
HVA	Young Carers

Education Improvement Partnership
“LEARNING”

Organisation	Position
HCC	District Manager (Education & Inclusion)
Robert Mays School	Extended Services Coordinator
Sentinel Housing Association	
HDC	Housing Options Officer
HCC	Travellers Education Service

FURTHER INFORMATION

We can provide this document in **LARGE PRINT**, on tape/cd and in Braille.

If you would like this translated into any of the following languages, please telephone **01252 774264**.

French

Ce document est également disponible dans d'autres langues, en gros caractères et en cassette audio sur simple demande.

German

Dieses Material ist auf Wunsch auch in anderen Sprachen, in Großdruck und auf Tonband erhältlich.

Spanish

Este documento también está disponible y puede solicitarse en otros idiomas, en letra grande y formato de audio.

Bengali

এই ডকুমেন্ট অন্য ভাষায়, বড় প্রিন্ট আকারে এবং অডিও টেপ আকারেও অনুরোধে পাওয়া যায়।

Hindi

अनुरोध पर यह दस्तावेज़ अन्य भाषाओं में, बड़े अक्षरों की छपाई और सुनने वाले माध्यम पर भी उपलब्ध है

Punjabi

ਇਹ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ, ਵੱਡੇ ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਅਤੇ ਆਡੀਓ ਟੇਪ 'ਤੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਹੋਇਆ ਵੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੇ ਲਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

Cantonese

本文件也可應要求，製作成其他語文或特大字體版本，也可製作成錄音帶。

Mandarin

本文件也可应要求，制作成其它语文或特大字体版本，也可制作成录音带。

Contact Details:

Email: isp@hart.gov.uk

Phone: 01252 774264